

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 726-02
Bill No.: HB 301
Subject: Elections: Voting Date
Type: Original
Date: February 9, 2001

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
General Revenue	(unknown)	(unknown)	(unknown)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)

* Cost of reimbursement could exceed \$1,000,000 annually.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials of the **Office of Administration** assume this proposal would have no fiscal impact to their office.

Officials of the **Office of Secretary of State** assume this proposal would have no fiscal impact to their office, however, officials assume there would be fiscal impact to local governments which would be significant if week-end voting were held for all elections. Officials assume that costs on a statewide basis could exceed \$1,000,000 annually.

The **Cape Girardeau County Clerk** stated there would be additional costs . Officials stated they would need to hire election judges for an additional day. No estimate of additional cost was submitted.

The **Taney County Clerk** stated there would be additional costs. Cost would be driven by staff working a full week-end, staffing 24 precincts with election judges for an extra day, which would cost approximately \$11,166 extra per election.

St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners stated this proposal would have significant fiscal. Officials stated that the additional costs for the recent November General election, which would have been picked up by the state, would have been \$366,000 for Sunday pay for poll workers and \$27,700 for an additional day of polling place rental.

The **Cole County Clerk** stated there would be additional costs from pay poll workers for an additional day of work, and finding polling places in some areas. The Clerk stated he uses churches in some areas for polling places. No estimate of additional costs was submitted.

Kansas City Board of Election Commissioners stated that if the current November election had been extended for an extra day the additional costs would have been approximately \$129,000.

Oversight assumes that any additional costs would be reimbursed to local governments by the State. Additional costs are indeterminable and will be shown as (unknown), but are expected to exceed \$1,000,000 annually. Costs would be to the General Revenue Fund.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
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GENERAL REVENUE FUND

Cost to SOS

for reimbursement of election costs to
 local governments. *

<u>(unknown)</u>	<u>(unknown)</u>	<u>(unknown)</u>
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*** Oversight assumes costs could exceed \$1,000,000 annually.**

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
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LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Income to Local Governments

from reimbursement of election costs.

unknown	unknown	unknown
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Cost to Local Governments

for week-end voting.

<u>(unknown)</u>	<u>(unknown)</u>	<u>(unknown)</u>
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**Total Estimated Net Effect to Local
 Governments**

<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This bill changes the day of elections to the Saturday and Sunday immediately prior to the Tuesday on which an election would otherwise take place, beginning September 1, 2001, through August 31, 2004. All ballots cast on Saturday will be stored and counted with the Sunday ballots. The state will pay for additional net costs involved in conducting Saturday and Sunday elections.

DESCRIPTION (continued)

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Secretary of State
Office of Administration
Cape Girardeau County Clerk
Taney County Clerk
Cole County Clerk
St. Louis County Board of Election Commission
Kansas City Board of Election Commission

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeanne Jarrett". The signature is stylized with a large initial "J" and a cursive "e" at the end.

Jeanne Jarrett, CPA
Director
February 9, 2001